(d) whether it is also a fact that ONGC is withdrawing its drilling and exploration activities from Tri-pura in the pretext that there is no takers for gas in the State; and

(e) what are the reasons that no drilling' plan i_s taken up by the ONGC management to tap the oil prospects of Basail reservoirs in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND HATURAL GAS (CAPT. SA-TISH UHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocations of 1.75 MMSCMD have already been made. The draw-al of gas in 1993-94 was 0.28 MMSCMD.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) ONGC ha_s planned to probe Berail prospects and has released four locations. One of these locations is likely to be taken up for drilling soon.

Damage in oil producing well, *Gait* Green-I

263. SHRI MD. SALIM:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to •tate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil producing well Golf Green-I is so severely damaged that no profit able production can be taken from that well;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that substitute well i$ not being ta-k^n up for drilling to tap the Eocene oil pool; and

(c) whether it ig a fact that the WPII Golf Green-I has landed up into 2^n0 ner cent time and cost overrun due *to* erroneous decisions and policies of the management?

THE MINISTER OF STATK OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No erroneous decisions were taken and the time and cost overrun in well Golf Green-I were because of technical requirements due to complications in the well.

Raid in Houses of Railway OBeers

264. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN

; Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thai the houses of Railway Officers were raided recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Raids were mainly on account Of complaints of demand of bribe, possession of disproportionate assets and misuse of railway labow.

Konkaa Railway

265. SHRI JANARDHANA POO-JARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS b_e pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to the setting up of Konkan railway as on 15th July, 1994;

(b) the work that has been completed so far from region to region; and

(c) what is the quantum of work to be completed in Goa region?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 69 per cent.

(b) Roha—Veer section (48 KMs) from Roha end and Mangalore—Udi-pi section (68 KMs) from Mangalore

«nd have been opened to passenger, traffic. On the rest of the section, work is being rapidly progressed on tunnels, bridges, formation and collection of ballast and P.Way materials.

Survey /or new railway lines in Karnataka

266. SRRI JANARDHANA POOJARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for new Railway lines has been conducted in Karnataka; and

(b) if so,, what are the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF^ <a) Yes, Si*. ^

(b) (i) Updating of earlier .surref for a new broad gauge line between Kottur and Harihar* via Harapsaa-hally—length 65 Kms. has been completed.

(ii) Survey for a new broad gauge line ftyatween Kadiuj-Chickmagalur and Sakleshpur via Belur—length 99 km is under progress.

Completion of railway lines in Karnataka

287. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of new railway lines which have been completed In Karnataka as on 15th July, 199*;

(b) what is the kilometer of railway track which has been converted from metre gauge to broad gauge so far; and

(c) the time by when all the metre gauge will be complete to Broad gauge in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) During the 8th Five Year Plan construction of new Broad gauge line between Chitradurg and Rayadurg (100 kms.i and 662 kms. of gauge conversion has been completed.

(c) It is not proposed to convert all Metre gauge to Broad gauge.

बंदार हिल रेल लाइन का दुमका तक विस्तार करना

868. श्री जनार्दन यादव : : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में बन्दार हिल रेल लाइन का दुमका तक विस्तार करने के प्रस्ताव को स्वीकृति मिल गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि योजना आयोग ने उक्त रेल लाइन के विस्तार हेतु 110 करोड़ रुपए की धनराशि स्वीकृत की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह कार्य कब तक आरंभ कर दिया जाएगा ; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी.के जाफर शरीफ): (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रस्ताव योजना आयोग को भेजा गया था, अभी उनकी स्वीकृति प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।